

### Wildlife

- Do not harass, capture, touch, or kill any wildlife.
- Do not feed wildlife.
- Follow installation regulations on threatened and endangered species.
- Stay away from endangered plant and animal habitats. They are protected and marked with signs.

### Cultural/Archaeological Resources

- Stop digging activity and immediately report to range control if historic or prehistoric artifacts are found.
- Do not disturb, damage, or collect cultural/archaeological resources; it is illegal.
- Do not disrupt or vandalize cemeteries; it is against regulations

### Wetlands

- Do not destruct wetlands; federal law prohibits it. Wetlands include ponds, streams, floodplains, bogs, or any other areas that are wet most of the time.
- Avoid the following activities in wetlands; they are prohibited:
  - Vehicle traffic.
  - Soil-disturbing activities.
  - Destruction of vegetation, including cutting trees.

### Meal, Ready to Eat (MRE) Heaters

- Use MREs properly, and then place in trash.
- Dispose of heaters in normal trash if unused and singular.

**NOTE: If in large quantities, unused heaters are hazardous waste. Used heaters are not a problem because at the end of the heating cycle, all that remains are inert substances.**

### Important Phone Numbers

Ambulance	_____
Range Control	_____
Environmental Office	_____
Fire Department	_____
Safety Office	_____

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## TRAINING AND THE ENVIRONMENT SOLDIER'S FIELD CARD

*Protection of the environment is an important aspect of Soldier/leader responsibility. A variety of environmental laws and regulations can affect how and where you train. Not only must the military comply with these rules to maintain sites that meet training requirements, but it is our duty as Soldiers to preserve a healthy and sustainable natural environment for future generations to train, utilize, and enjoy.*



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**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this graphic training aid (GTA) is to provide guidelines for Soldiers to integrate environmental concerns into all phases of operations planning and activities. See Field Manual (FM) 3-100.4 for more information.

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Your unit environmental compliance officer (ECO) should contact the installation environmental office, range control, or facility engineers to determine training area or field-specific information.

### **Environmental Considerations**

- Attend the environmental briefing regarding environmental considerations in the training area or field.
- Learn to recognize signage and off-limits areas.
- Follow hazardous-waste turn-in procedures.
- Contact your ECO for environmental questions or concerns.

### **Training Areas**

- Obtain permission before cutting vegetation.
- Use camouflage netting instead of vegetation.
- Stay out of off-limits areas, and obey all signage.
- Receive approval for any digging operations before training.
- Backfill and smooth all excavations properly.
- Restore any disturbed areas to a natural condition.
- Recover all barrier materials.

### **Vehicle Movement**

- Observe posted speed limits.
- Avoid neutral (locked-tread) steers and sharp turns where possible.
- Stay on designated roads.
- Do not drive on road shoulders.
- Use ground guides when in doubt, even in daylight.
- Do not drive through off-limits areas.
- Cross streams at authorized ford sites only.
- Do not park near waterways.

### **Litter**

- Police all areas for litter before, during, and after training activities.
- Return all waste to the cantonment area for proper disposal.
- Police all brass, pallets, and wires (barbed, commo, concertina, and trip) after training activities.
- Do not burn or bury trash.

### **Refueling**

- Refuel at designated areas.
- Place drip pans, diapers, or absorbent compounds under vehicles during refueling operations.
- Be sure valves are closed and caps are secure when finished refueling.
- Ensure that a spill kit is available near the site.
- Prevent spills as much as possible.

### **Petroleum, Oil, and Lubricants (POL)**

- Minimize the use of hazardous substances, including POL.
- Carry drip pans, drums, and dry absorbent materials for spills.
- Have a trained spill response team on call.
- Hazardous-materials spill procedures:
  - Step 1.** PROTECT YOURSELF, and evacuate the area if necessary.
  - Step 2.** STOP THE FLOW, if you can do so safely.
  - Step 3.** CONTAIN THE CONTAMINANT FLOW AND SPREAD, if you can do so quickly and safely.
  - Step 4.** REPORT THE SPILL IMMEDIATELY. Notify the chain of command and the unit ECO.
  - Step 5.** CLEAN UP THE SPILL.
- Failure to report a hazardous spill is a federal offense.

### **Fires**

- Report all fires to range control.
- Fight any fires, but do not endanger Soldiers.
- Do not fight fires in the impact area.
- Remove vehicles, and move any personnel not fighting the fire out of harm.
- Relinquish control to the fire department once they are on-site. They are then in charge of fighting the fire.
- Assist the fire department in fighting the fire in your area of operations.
- Use caution with pyrotechnics.
- Smoke only in designated areas.